

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus having a longitudinal axis, and having operation modes, comprising:

first and second housings each having front and rear surfaces and a rotation axis located between said front and rear surfaces,

displaying means for displaying provided on said front surface of said first housing, and adapted to display image data or character data on a screen;

operating means for selectively performing operations provided on said front surface of said second housing, and having a plurality of keys to be selectively operated by a user;

rotating means for connecting said first housing with said second housing, and to allow said first and second housings to be rotated with respect to each other under the condition that said rotation axis of each of said first and second housings is axially aligned with said longitudinal axis connecting said displaying means with said operating means with said displaying means and said operating means being rotatable with respect to each other around a rotation axis extending in the longitudinal direction of said displaying means and said operating means;

rotation angle detecting means for detecting a rotation angle and a rotation direction of one of said first and second housings with respect to the other of said first and second housings when said first and second housings are rotated with respect to each other; and

setting means for selecting, from among said operation modes, an operation mode corresponding to the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means, and setting said selected operation mode to ensure that said mobile communication apparatus assumes said selected operation mode.

setting means for selectively setting predetermined operation modes in response to the rotation positions of said displaying means and said operating means assumed when said displaying means and said operating means are rotated with respect to each other through said rotating means, characterizing in that

said setting means is further responsive to the direction of relative rotation between said displaying means and said operating means, for controlling said operation modes in accordance

~~with detected directions of rotation.~~

Claims 2 and 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in ~~claim 2 or claim 3~~ claim 1, in which said rotating means includes a rotation shaft provided in one of said first and second housings, and a retaining unit provided in the other of said first and second housings and configured to allow said rotation shaft to be rotatable around [[said]] its rotation axis axially aligned with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, which further comprises a camera unit ~~accommodated in said operating panel side housing provided on said rear surface of said second housing, said camera unit having a direction opposite to the direction of said screen of said displaying means, and in which~~
said operation modes includes a camera mode,
said setting means is operative to set said camera mode when said combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting means corresponds to said camera mode.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in ~~claim 2 or claim 6~~, which has ~~additional operation modes additional functions in each operation mode, and further comprises sub-operating means unit provided on said rear surface of said second housing, said sub-operating unit having a plurality of keys to be selectively operated by said user, said mobile communication apparatus is operative to selectively perform said additional functions when said keys of said sub-operating unit are operated by said user for operating said additional operation modes, said sub-operating means being provided on one surface opposite to other surface on which said operating means is provided, and in which~~
~~said setting means is operative to set a telephone mode when said display means accommodated in one of said housings and said operating means accommodated in the other of said housings are in non-twisted relationship with each other, and~~
~~said setting means is operative to set an additional operation mode when said display means accommodated in one of said housings and said sub-operating means accommodated in~~

~~the other of said housings are in twisted relationship with each other.~~

Claim 8 (New): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in claim 1, in which
said operation modes includes a television mode,
said mobile communication apparatus is operative to turn the channel on the basis of the
combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle detecting
means when said first and second housings are further rotated with respect to each other under
the condition that said mobile communication apparatus is in said television mode.

Claim 9 (New): A mobile communication apparatus as set forth in claim 1, in which
said operation modes includes a volume adjusting mode,
said mobile communication apparatus is operative to change the volume on the basis of
the combination of said rotation angle and rotation direction detected by said rotation angle
detecting means when said first and second housings are further rotated with respect to each
other in said volume adjusting mode.